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MEASURES TO PREVENT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM WHICH ENDANGERS OR TAKES INNOCENT HUMAN LIVES OR JEOPARDIZES FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AND STUDY OF THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF THOSE FORMS OF TERRORISM AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE WHICH LIE IN MISERY, FRUSTRATION, GRIEVANCE AND DESPAIR AND WHICH CAUSE SOME PEOPLE TO SACRIFICE HUMAN LIVES, INCLUDING THEIR OWN, IN AN ATTEMPT TO EFFECT RADICAL CHANGES: (a) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL; (b) CONVENING, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO DEFINE TERRORISM AND TO DIFFERENTIATE IT FROM THE STRUGGLE OF PEOPLES FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION

SECURITY COUNCIL
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Letter dated 18 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Ibrahim M. Bishari, Secretary of the People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 125, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 18 March 1992 from the Secretary of the People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya addressed to the Secretary-General

You are aware that, despite the legal difficulties and obstacles, my country has cooperated actively and positively with regard to Security Council resolution 731 (1992) urging Libya to provide a response to the requests made by the three countries in question relating to legal aspects. Libya would like to state that if the international community desires to arrive at the truth with regard to this issue then all the parties concerned must cooperate in the matter, since the cooperation of one party alone cannot lead to the truth. In order that the desired result be achieved, my country would like the Security Council to urge the three countries to hand over the dossiers of the investigation to the two Libyan judges so that the investigation procedures can be completed.

We have a question as to the nature of the forms of cooperation that the Security Council deems Libya must evince, given the active and sincere cooperation it has already shown. It is important that the Security Council should answer this question.

Libya is of the view that if the Security Council wants to reach a political solution or wishes to encourage the parties concerned to reach one on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and respect for the principles of State sovereignty, then Libya affirms its readiness to maintain its cooperation. If the Security Council is of the view that the issue is a legal one - and Libya is of this opinion - then the matter must be left to the highest impartial international body, namely the International Court of Justice, so that it may have its word, the issue, as is well known, being actually before it and the parties concerned having agreed to attend its sessions. If it determines that the issue is a political one, then it should urge the parties concerned to resolve it by political means.

Libya has evinced full cooperation, and it expects to be met with reciprocal cooperation.

Ibrahim M. BISHARI
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for Foreign Liaison
and International Cooperation